

TIBETAN

SOME USEFUL PHRASES IN TIBETAN

འགྲོ་ཤི་དེ་ལེ།

[tʃɑ̃ ʃi tɛ lɛ]
/tra shi dé lek./
Hello.

ལྷོ་རྒྱལ་ཀུ་སུ་པོ་ཡི་ཤི་ཡོད་ཀྱི་ཟེ།

[kʰɛraŋ kusu tɛpo jin pɛ]
/khyé rang kusu dé po yin pé?/
How are you?

ང་གི་ཤི་ཡོད།

[ŋa tɛpo jin]
/nga dé po yin./
I'm fine.

ལྷོ་རྒྱལ་གྱི་ཚས་ལ་གའེ་ཞུ་གི་ཡོད་ཀྱི་ཟེ།

[kʰɛraŋ ki tʂʰɛn la kʰarɛ ʃu ki jø]
/khyé rang gi tsen la ga ré zhu gi yö?/
What is your name?

ངའི་མིང་ལ་ཇོ་མ་ཇེ་གི་ཡོད།

[ŋɛ miŋla dʒan rɛ ki jø]
/ngé ming la John zer gi yö./
My name is John.

ལྷོ་རྒྱལ་གྱི་གའེ་ཡི་ཡོད་ཀྱི་ཟེ།

[kʰɛraŋ kʰanɛ jin]
/khyé rang ga né yin?/
Where are you from?

ང་... གའེ་ཡི་ཡོད།

[ŋa ... nɛ jin]
/nga ... né yin./
I'm from ...

ཐུ་ཇེ་ཅེ།

[tʰu dʒɛ tʂʰɛ]
/tuk jé ché./
Thank you.

ཇེ་མ་ཇེ་ཡོང།

[dʒɛma dʒɛ·jɔŋ]
/jé ma jel yong./
Goodbye.

FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT TIBETAN AND THEIR LANGUAGE

1. The Tibetan population is estimated to be about 6.5 million, and can be found mostly in China, India, and Nepal.
2. A member of the Tibetao-Burman language group, Standard Tibetan shares many structural similarities to other Tibetao-Burman languages, including Burmese.
3. The whole of Tibet, including the U-Tsang, Kham, and Amdo provinces, spans over 976,000 square miles across Asia and has an overage altitude of 13,000 feet above sea level.
4. Commonly called the “Roof of the World,” Tibet is home to the Himalayan mountain range featuring Mount Everest which at 29,029 feet above sea level is the highest mountain in the world.
5. Tibet is the source of many of Asia’s largest rivers (including the Yangtze, Yellow, Mekong, Salween, and Tsangpo) and provides water for over one billion people.

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